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Ex parte: JOSEPH BACH

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on July 14, 2008. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

APPEAL BRIEF, HEADINGS

A review of the file indicates that the Appeal Brief filed March 9, 2006 does not comply with 37 CFR § 41.37(c) because it does not contain all required heading items. Specifically, 37 CFR § 41.37 (c)(1) requires the following heading items in the following order:

- (i) *Real party in interest.*
- (ii) *Related appeals and interferences.*
- (iii) *Status of claims.*
- (iv) *Status of amendments.*
- (v) *Summary of claimed subject matter.*
- (vi) *Grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal.*
- (vii) *Argument.*
- (viii) *Claims appendix.*
- (ix) *Evidence appendix.*
- (x) *Related proceedings appendix.*

An in-depth review of the Appeal Brief indicates that the following sections are missing from the Appeal Brief filed March 9, 2006:

- 1) "Summary of claimed subject matter";
- 2) "Grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal";

- 3) "Claims Appendix";
- 4) "Evidence appendix"; and
- 5) "Related proceedings appendix".

A substitute brief that is in compliance with § 41.37(c) is required.

See also Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) § 1205.02 (8th ed. Rev. 6, Sept 2007) for details.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- 1) hold the Appeal Brief filed March 9, 2006 defective;
- 2) notify the Appellant to submit a substitute Appeal Brief in compliance with 37 CFR § 41.37;
- 3) acknowledge and consider the substitute Appeal Brief submitted by Appellant to correct the Appeal Brief; and
- 4) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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